

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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UNSPENT AMOUNT UNDER SJSRY
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that huge amount under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana is still lying unspent with the Andaman & Nicobar Administration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the manner in which the Union Government is monitoring the implementation of the said Scheme and proper utilization of funds released for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA)

(a)&(b): Under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), an amount of Rs.381.37 lakhs has been released to the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Administration, so far, including the unspent balance available from the old UPA programmes. Port Blair Municipal council, the executing agency for SJSRY, has reported that an amount of Rs.226.75 lakhs has been utilized. Funds could not be fully utilized due to several reasons viz. the scheme is not applicable to the beneficiaries educated beyond 9th standard, while in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar, there is high percentage of education level, the number of eligible BPL beneficiaries for assistance for setting-up of self-employment ventures and skill development programmes through appropriate training are very few. Further, the prevailing daily wages in Government Departments is Rs.100/- whereas it is Rs.150 to Rs.200/- in private sectors. Beneficiaries are also reluctant to undergo training programme with the existing rate of stipend.

(c): The scheme is being monitored at the Central level through quarterly progress reports received from the State/UTs as also by way of review meetings at various levels in the Ministry to ensure proper utilization of funds released.